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strengthen this, and, hopefully, hopefully try to build up the charitable gaming in this state that is declining. With that, I ask for your...for your affirmative vote on passage of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 1126. The question before the body is, shall the bill be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 1126. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, on advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1126 does advance to E & R Initial. Madam Clerk, next agenda item, LB 1290.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1290, introduced by Senator Coordsen and others. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 23rd. Referred to the Exec Board; the Executive Board reports that bill to General File, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Coordsen, you're recognized to open on LB 1290.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, this is an Exec Board Committee bill, introduced on behalf of the Legislative Council. The intention of LB 1290 is to clarify the language of the Nebraska Constitution that says, and I quote; Members of the Legislature shall receive no pay or perquisites other than its salary and expenses. LB 1290 clarifies that for the purpose of definition, pay or perquisites does not include participation in insurance programs that are available for state employees, such as health insurance. The bill provides that participation must be on the same terms and conditions as permanent state employees. It also redefines permanent state employees for the purposes of participation so that it is clear that elected state officers and members of the Legislature may participate in insurance programs. And the bill is, in fact, one page. And on the first page of the text, Section 1, you will find the definition. And then on lines 20